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TAGS: OEXC, CM (BLANSHARD, RUFUS)

SUBJ: AMERICAN PROFESSOR PROGRAM 1975-76

REF: CIES MEMO 12/17/74

1. VERY IMPRESSED WITH CREDENTIALS BLANSHARD AND FEEL HE WOULD MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM HERE OR ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER DIFFICULTY OF HOUSING BLANSHARD S FAMILY REQUIRES POST DECLINE OFFER HIS SERVICES FOR COMING ACADEMIC YEAR AND REQUEST CU/CIES SEARCH FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE.
2. DEPT AWARE OF PERENNIAL PROBLEM FULBRIGHT HOUSING. ALL CAMEROONIANS AND NON-CAMEROONIANS WITH RIGHT TO GURC LODGING UNDERGO LONG STAYS IN HOTELS. GURC UNABLE COMPETE IN VERY TIGHT YAOUNDE HOUSING MARKET BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESOURCES AND BECAUSE ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS IN RENT PAYMENT MAKE GURC LESS DESIRABLE TENANT. THE LARGER THE FAMILY THE MORE DIFFICULT THE FINDING OF LODGING. IN BLANSHARD S CASE FORESEE AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND POSSIBLY ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR IN HOTEL.
3. ARGUMENT WAS PROPOSED THAT POST TRY TO CHANGE QUID-PRO-QUO FOR FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FROM LODGING TO TRANSPORTATION OF PROFESSOR AND FAMILY. THIS WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF ELIMINATING HOUSING PROBLEM WHICH IS THE MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO

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EFFECTIVENESS OF PROFESSORS. WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE

FINANCIAL BURDEN OF FAMILY TRANSPORT FOR PROFESSORS.  
DISADVANTAGES ARE PROBABLE INCREASED COST TO  
USG, INCREASED BURDEN ON ADMIN SECTION, PRECEDENT OF USG  
HOUSING FOR NON-USG EMPLOYEE. COUNTRY TEAM DECIDED THAT  
DISADVANTAGES OUTWEIGHED ADVANTAGES. BECAUSE OF SERIOUS  
INCONVENIENCE AND DISCOMFORT FOR BLANSHARDS RECOMMENDED  
SEARCH FOR ANOTHER CANDIDAT.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE SOONEST RE CANDIDATES TO  
REPLACE AMIS AND BLOUNT.  
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